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COPY**REILLY TAR & CHEMICAL CORPORATION****MR. G. A. REILLY - INDPLS.****St. Louis Park****Mr. H. L. Finch****January 19, 1968****CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK PROPOSED AIR POLLUTION ORDINANCE**

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On Friday, January 12th, the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee of which I am a member, held a luncheon at the Kings Inn and invited all those businesses that would be particularly concerned with the passage of such an ordinance. A very good representation was had at the meeting and the general aspects of the ordinance were discussed. It appeared that the two prime targets of the ordinance were directed at the National Lead Company and ourselves.

The general opinion was that the ordinance was much too severe but that the proper approach to the council would be to explain that industry recognized there was a problem but encourage the council to let the state or metropolitan commission investigate the pollution problem on a larger scope. The previously prepared chamber resolution was read to the businesses attending and it was agreed that this resolution would be presented to the council on January 15th. January 15th, the council had on the agenda further discussion of this ordinance.

On January 15th, Mr. Reiersgord and myself, attended the council meeting to listen to the discussion. Mr. Reiersgord was allowed to make a comment on the ordinance, both as a private citizen and as a representative of Reilly Tar & Chemical. In essence, Mr. Reiersgord pointed out that the administration of the ordinance provided for too much authority in one person, that the licensing provisions offered no recourse and interfered with the freedoms of operation of a business and the expense and burdensome requirements of testing could be used to harass the business operation.

Mr. Reiersgord further proposed that the section on odors be eliminated from any possible ordinance because of the lack of definition and lack of information on a nation wide basis of what odors are to be constituted as pollution. While some limits and methods of detection are provided for pollution by smoke, dust, etc. no definable limits are set out with regard to odors.

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After the conclusion of Mr. Reiersgard's comments and suggestions, the council agreed among themselves that they should seek further outside help and set a tentative meeting for February 26th to have a representative from the metropolitan council in to discuss air pollution control and find out what direction the metropolitan council is planning to take with regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Finch
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